

1 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the
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4 **Listing of Claims:**

5 1. (previously amended) A method comprising:
6 providing an initial digital good to at least one computer, wherein the initial
7 digital good includes a plurality of selectively arranged parts in an initial
8 configuration and the initial digital good is configured as to not properly function
9 with the computer;

10 with the at least one computer:

11 receiving unique key data;

12 converting the initial digital good into a modified digital good using
13 the unique key data to selectively individualize the initial digital good for
14 use with the computer, such that the plurality of selectively arranged parts
15 in the modified digital good have been rearranged to have a substantially
16 unique operative configuration that properly functions with the computer
17 and is different than the initial configuration; and

18 causing the at least one computer to run the modified digital good.

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20 2. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein
21 converting the initial digital good into the modified digital good further includes
22 manipulating at least one flow control operation within the initial digital good.
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3. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

causing at least one other computer to generate the unique key data based on at least one unique identifier data associated with the at least one computer.

4. A method as recited in claim 3, further comprising:
selectively limiting operation of the modified digital good to computers that are properly associated with at least the unique identifier data.

5. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein causing the at least one other computer to generate the unique key data further includes:

causing the at least one computer to provide the unique identifier data associated with the at least one computer to the at least one other computer; and

causing the at least one other computer to cryptographically generate the unique key data based on the unique identifier data provided by the at least one computer and at least one secret key.

6. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the at least one other computer generates at least a first key and a second key, and the first key and the second key are different, but cryptographically related to the secret key, and wherein the received unique key data includes the first key .

1 7. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein
2 providing an initial digital good to the at least one computer further includes:

3 dividing the initial digital good into at least a first portion and a second
4 portion using at least one other computer;

5 providing the first portion to the at least one computer via a first computer
6 readable medium; and

7 subsequently providing the second portion to the at least one computer via a
8 second computer readable medium.

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10 8. (original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the first
11 computer readable medium includes a different type of computer readable medium
12 than the second computer readable medium.

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14 9. (original) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the first
15 computer readable medium includes a fixed computer readable medium and the
16 second computer readable medium includes a network communication.

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18 10. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein
19 providing the second portion to the at least one computer further includes:

20 converting the second portion into a modified second portion using the
21 unique key data to selectively manipulate at least one flow control operation within
22 the second portion, such that the modified second portion is operatively different
23 in configuration to the second portion; and

24 providing the modified second portion to the at least one computer via the
25 second computer readable medium, in place of the second portion.

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2 11. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein
3 the at least one other computer is used to convert the second portion into the
4 modified second portion.
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6 12. (original) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the unique
7 key data includes at least a first key and a second key, and converting the second
8 portion into a modified second portion further includes using the second key to
9 selectively manipulate at least one flow control operation within the second
10 portion.
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12 13. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein
13 the unique key data includes at least a first key and a second key, and providing the
14 second portion to the at least one computer further includes providing the first key
15 to the at least one computer.
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17 14. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein
18 converting the initial digital good into a modified digital good further includes

19 with the at least one computer, converting the first portion into a modified
20 first portion using the first key to selectively manipulate at least one flow control
21 operation within the first portion, such that the modified first portion is operatively
22 different in configuration; and

23 causing the at least one computer to operatively combine the modified first
24 portion and the modified second portion to produce the modified digital good.
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1 15. (original) A method as recited in claim 13, further comprising:
2 selectively limiting operation of the modified digital good to computers that
3 are properly associated with at least the first key.

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5 16. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 3, further
6 comprising:

7 causing the at least one computer to provide the unique identifier data
8 associated with the at least one computer to the at least one other computer; and

9 accessing computer identification data within the at least one computer and
10 including the computer identification data within the unique identifier data
11 associated with the at least one computer.

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13 17. (previously amended) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein
14 causing the at least one computer to provide the unique identifier data associated
15 with the at least one computer to the at least one other computer further includes:

16 receiving user identification data at the at least one computer and including
17 the user identification data within the unique identifier data associated with the at
18 least one computer.

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20 18. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium
21 comprising computer-executable instructions for:

22 with the at least one computer:

23 receiving an initial digital good, wherein the initial digital good includes a
24 plurality of selectively arranged parts in an initial configuration and the initial
25 digital good is configured as to not properly function with the computer;

1 receiving unique key data; and
2 converting the initial digital good into a modified digital good using the
3 unique key data to selectively individualize the initial digital good for use with the
4 at least one computer, such that the plurality of selectively arranged parts in the
5 modified digital good are rearranged to have a substantially unique operative
6 configuration that properly functions with the at least one computer and is different
7 than the initial configuration.

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9 19. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium as recited
10 in claim 18, wherein converting the initial digital good into the modified digital
11 good further includes manipulating at least one flow control operation within the
12 initial digital good.

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14 20. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium as recited
15 in claim 18, comprising further computer-executable instructions for:

16 subsequently determining if the at least one computer is properly associated
17 with at least the unique identifier data; and

18 disabling operation of the modified digital good if the at least one computer
19 that is not properly associated with the unique identifier data.

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21 21. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium as recited
22 in claim 18, comprising further computer-executable instructions for:

23 causing the at least one computer to provide unique identifier data
24 associated with the at least one computer to at least one other computer that is
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1 configurable to cryptographically generate the unique key data based on the unique
2 identifier data and at least one secret key.

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4 22. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium as recited
5 in claim 18, wherein:

6 receiving the initial digital good further includes receiving a first portion of
7 the digital good via a first type of computer readable medium and a modified
8 second portion of the digital good via a second computer readable medium; and

9 converting the initial digital good into a modified digital good further
10 includes converting the first portion using the unique key data to selectively
11 manipulate at least one flow control operation within the first portion, to produce a
12 modified first portion that is operatively different in configuration, and then
13 operatively combining the modified first portion and the modified second portion
14 to produce the modified digital good.

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16 23. (original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 22,
17 wherein the first computer readable medium includes a different type of computer
18 readable medium than the second computer readable medium.

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20 24. (original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 23,
21 wherein the first computer readable medium includes a fixed computer readable
22 medium and the second computer readable medium includes a network
23 communication.

1 25. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium as recited
2 in claim 20, wherein causing the at least one computer to provide unique identifier
3 data further includes:

4 accessing computer identification data within the at least one computer and
5 including the computer identification data within the unique identifier data
6 associated with the at least one computer.

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8 26. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium as recited
9 in claim 20, wherein causing the at least one computer to provide unique identifier
10 data further includes:

11 receiving user identification data and including the user identification data
12 within the unique identifier data associated with the at least one computer.

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14 27. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium
15 comprising computer-executable instructions for:

16 receiving unique identifier data associated with at least one computer;

17 generating unique key data based on at least the unique identifier data;

18 receiving at least a portion of an initial digital good having a plurality of
19 selectively arranged parts in an initial configuration;

20 converting the at least a portion using the unique key data to selectively
21 individualize the portion, such that a modified portion of the digital good is
22 produced having the plurality of parts rearranged in a different configuration than
23 the initial configuration; and

24 providing at least the modified portion of the digital good and at least a
25 portion of the unique key data to the at least one computer.

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2 28. (original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 27,
3 wherein converting at least the portion of the initial digital good using the unique
4 key data to selectively individualize the portion of the initial digital good further
5 includes manipulating at least one flow control operation within the portion of the
6 initial digital good.

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8 29. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium as recited
9 in claim 27, wherein generating the unique key data further includes:

10 cryptographically generating the unique key data based on the unique
11 identifier data provided by the at least one computer and at least one secret key.

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13 30. (original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 29,
14 wherein the unique key data includes at least a first key and a second key, and the
15 first key and the second key are different, but cryptographically related to the
16 secret key.

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18 31. (previously amended) A computer-readable medium as recited
19 in claim 29, wherein converting at least portion of the initial digital good using the
20 unique key data further includes:

21 dividing the initial digital good into at least a first portion and a second
22 portion;

23 providing the first portion to the at least one computer via a first computer
24 readable medium;

1 converting the second portion using the second key to selectively
2 manipulate at least one flow control operation within the second portion, such that
3 a modified second portion is produced that is operatively different in
4 configuration[, but substantially functionally equivalent to the second portion]; and
5 providing the modified second portion and the first key to the at least one
6 computer via a second computer readable medium.

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8 32. (original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 31,
9 wherein the first computer readable medium includes a different type of computer
10 readable medium than the second computer readable medium.

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12 33. (original) A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 32,
13 wherein the first computer readable medium includes a fixed computer readable
14 medium and the second computer readable medium includes a network
15 communication.

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17 34. (previously amended) An apparatus for use in a host computer,
18 the apparatus comprising:

19 an individualizer configured to receive unique key data and at least a
20 portion of an initial digital good that includes a plurality of selectively arranged
21 parts in an initial configuration, and produce at least a portion of a modified digital
22 good using the unique key data to selectively individualize the initial digital good
23 for use with the host computer, and such that the plurality of selectively arranged
24 parts in the modified digital good are rearranged to be operatively different in
25 configuration than the initial configuration of the digital good.

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2 35. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 34,
3 wherein the individualizer is further configured to selectively individualize the
4 initial digital good by selectively manipulating at least one program flow control
5 operation within the initial digital good.

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7 36. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 34,
8 wherein the unique key data is cryptographically related to unique identifier data
9 associated with the host computer.

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11 37. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 36,
12 further comprising:

13 an identifier configured to output the unique identifier data associated with
14 the host computer to the source computer.

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16 38. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 34,
17 further comprising:

18 a program combiner configured to receive a modified first portion of the
19 digital good from the individualizer and a modified second portion from the source
20 computer, and output the modified digital good by combining the modified first
21 portion with the modified second portion.

39. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 34, wherein the modified digital good is operatively configured to selectively verify that the host computer is properly associated with the unique identifier data output by the identifier.

40. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 34, wherein the modified digital good is operatively configured to selectively verify that the host computer is properly associated with the unique key data.

41. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the identifier is further configured to access computer identification data within the host computer and include the computer identification data within the unique identifier data associated with the host computer.

42. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 37, wherein the identifier is further configured to receive user identification data at the host computer and include the user identification data within the unique identifier data associated with the host computer.

43. (previously amended) An apparatus for use in a source computer, the apparatus comprising:

a key generator configured to receive a unique identifier data from a destination computer and generate unique key data based on the received unique identifier data associated with the destination computer; and

an individualizer configured to receive the unique key data and at least a portion of an initial digital good having a plurality of selectively arranged parts in an initial configuration and output at least a portion of a modified digital good using the unique key data to selectively individualize the initial digital good, such that in the modified digital good the plurality of selectively arranged parts have been rearranged to have an operatively different configuration than the initial configuration.

44. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the individualizer is further configured to selectively individualize the initial digital good by manipulating at least one program flow control operation within the initial digital good.

45. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 43, further comprising:

a splitter configured to divide the initial digital good into at least a first portion and a second portion, provide the first portion to the individualizer, and provide the second portion to the destination computer.

1 46. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 45,
2 wherein the key generator is further configured to cryptographically generate the
3 unique key data based on the unique identifier data and at least one secret key, the
4 unique key data includes at least a first key and a second key which are unique, but
5 cryptographically related to the secret key, and wherein the key generator is
6 configured to provide the first key is to the individualizer, and the second key to
7 the destination computer.

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9 47. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 46,
10 wherein the individualizer is further configured to use the second key to selectively
11 individualize the second portion, such that a resulting modified second portion is
12 operatively different in configuration from the second portion.

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14 48. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 45,
15 wherein the splitter is further configured to allow the first portion to be provided to
16 the destination computer via a first computer readable medium, and to provide the
17 modified second portion to the destination computer via a second computer
18 readable medium that is a different type of computer readable medium than the
19 first computer readable medium.

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21 49. (previously amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 48,
22 wherein the first computer readable medium includes a fixed computer readable
23 medium and the second computer readable medium includes a network
24 communication.
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50. (previously amended) A system comprising:
an identifier configured to output unique identifier data associated with a
computer;
a key generator coupled to receive the unique identifier data and generate at
least one unique key data based on the received unique identifier data; and
at least one individualizer configured to receive the unique key data and at
least a portion of an initial digital good that includes a plurality of selectively
arranged parts in an initial configuration, and output at least a portion of a
modified digital good using the unique key data to selectively individualize the
initial digital good, such that the plurality of selectively arranged parts in the
modified digital good have been rearranged to be operatively different in
configuration than the initial configuration of the digital good.

51. (original) A system as recited in claim 50, wherein the
individualizer is further configured to selectively individualize the initial digital
good by manipulating at least one program flow control operation within the initial
digital good.

52. (original) A system as recited in claim 50, further comprising:
at least one source computer; and
at least one destination computer coupled to the source computer.

1 53. (original) A system as recited in claim 52, wherein the identifier
2 is provided within the destination computer and is configured to output unique
3 identifier data associated with the destination computer to the source computer,
4 and the key generator and individualizer are each provided within the source
5 computer.

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7 54. (original) A system as recited in claim 52, wherein the identifier
8 is provided within the destination computer and is configured to output unique
9 identifier data associated with the destination computer to the source computer, the
10 key generator is provided within the source computer, and the individualizer is
11 provided within the destination computer.

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13 55. (original) A system as recited in claim 52, wherein the identifier
14 is provided within the destination computer and is configured to output unique
15 identifier data associated with the destination computer to the source computer, the
16 key generator is provided within the source computer, a first individualizer is
17 provided within the destination computer, and a second individualizer is provided
18 within the source computer.

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20 56. (original) A system as recited in claim 55, further comprising:
21 a splitter provided within the source computer and configured to divide the
22 initial digital good into at least a first portion and a second portion, provide the
23 first portion to the first individualizer, and provide the second portion to the
24 second individualizer.
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1 57. (original) A system as recited in claim 56, wherein the key
2 generator is further configured to cryptographically generate the unique key data
3 based on the unique identifier data and at least one secret key, the unique key data
4 includes at least a first key and a second key which are unique, but
5 cryptographically related to the secret key, the first key is provided to the first
6 individualizer, and the second key is provided to the second individualizer.

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8 58. (previously amended) A system as recited in claim 57, wherein
9 the first individualizer is further configured to use the first key to selectively
10 individualize the first portion, such that the resulting modified first portion is
11 operatively different in configuration from the first portion.

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13 59. (previously amended) A system as recited in claim 58, wherein
14 the second individualizer is further configured to use the second key to selectively
15 individualize the second portion, such that the resulting modified second portion is
16 operatively different in configuration from the second portion.

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18 60. (original) A system as recited in claim 59, further comprising:
19 a combiner provided within the destination computer and configured to
20 receive the modified first portion from the first individualizer and the modified
21 second portion from the second individualizer, and output the modified digital
22 good by combining the modified first portion with the modified second portion.

1 61. (original) A system as recited in claim 50, wherein the modified
2 digital good is operatively configured to selectively verify that the destination
3 computer is properly associated with the unique identifier data output by the
4 identifier.

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6 62. (original) A system as recited in claim 50, wherein the modified
7 digital good is operatively configured to selectively verify that the destination
8 computer is properly associated with the first key as provided by the key generator.

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10 63. (original) A system as recited in claim 56, wherein the first
11 portion is provided to the destination computer via a first computer readable
12 medium, the modified second portion is provided to the destination computer via a
13 second computer readable medium that is a different type of computer readable
14 medium than the first computer readable medium:

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16 64. (original) A system as recited in claim 63, wherein the first
17 computer readable medium includes a fixed computer readable medium and the
18 second computer readable medium includes a network communication.

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20 65. (original) A system as recited in claim 50, wherein the identifier
21 is further configured to access computer identification data within a destination
22 computer and includes the computer identification data within the unique identifier
23 data associated with the destination computer.

66. (currently amended) A system as recited in claim 65[45], wherein the identifier is further configured to receive user identification data at a destination computer and include the user identification data within the unique identifier data associated with the destination computer.

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